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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: PRESS GUIDANCE ON SWA

CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE STATEMENT (S/S 7617724)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFEE

1. STATEMENT ISSUED BY CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE OF SOUTH-WEST AFRICA CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IN WINDHOEK AUGUST 18 SET 31 DECEMBER 1978 AS PROBABLE DATE OF INDEPENDENCE, REAFFIRMED INTENTION TO MAINTAIN SWA AS A UNITY AND ANNOUNCED THAT TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL BE FORMED AS SOON AS AGREEMENT REACHED ON CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA OVER SPECIFIC ISSUES, E.G. WALVIS BAY, CONCLUDED. TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL FINALIZE CONSTITUTION.

2. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE USED BY DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN AUGUST 19 IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ABOUT STATEMENT ISSUED BY CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE OF SOUTHWEST AFRICA CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 18. BEGIN TEXT: WE HAVE SEEN THE STATEMENT AND  
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ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING IT. UNITED STATES POLICY IS

COMMITTED TO NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE AND, AS SECRETARY KISSINGER SAID IN HIS SPEECHES IN LUSAKA AND BOSTON, WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK TOWARDS THAT END. END TEXT.

3. FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE WE PROPOSE TO USE IN RESPONSE TO FURTHER PRESS INQUIRIES. BEGIN TEXT. WE HAVE STUDIED THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE SWA CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE MEETING IN WINDHOEK. WE WELCOME ANY MOVE WHICH BRINGS NAMIBIA CLOSER TO INDEPENDENCE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE REAFFIRMED OUR POLICY IN HIS SPEECHES IN LUSAKA ON APRIL 27 AND IN BOSTON ON AUGUST 2. HE SPECIFICALLY URGED THAT A DEFINITE TIMETABLE ACCEPTABLE TO THE WORLD COMMUNITY BE SET FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE. MOREOVER, THE SECRETARY CALLED FOR ALL THE PEOPLE AND GROUPS OF NAMIBIA TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS FREELY, UNDER UN SUPERVISION, ON THE POLITICAL FUTURE AND CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE OF THEIR COUNTRY. WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS POLICY BY DIPLOMATIC MEANS AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD THAT END. END TEXT.

4. DURING MY MEETING WITH ANTHONY DUFF THIS AFTERNOON, HE READ ME THE GUIDANCE WHICH HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO USE. THE BRITISH, NEEDLESS TO SAY, GO ON AT GREATER LENGTH THAN I WOULD PREFER. THEY PROPOSE TO SAY THAT THEY WELCOME ANY MOVE WHICH BRINGS NAMIBIA CLOSER TO INDEPENDENCE BUT THEY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A MORE IMMEDIATE DATE OF INDEPENDENCE. THEY ALSO WOULD RATHER HAVE HAD THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE AGREE TO ACCEPT SWAPO AND THAT THE ELECTIONS WHICH PRECEDE INDEPENDENCE TAKE PLACE FREELY AND UNDER IMPARTIAL SUPERVISION.

5. ACTION RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU APPROVE THE ABOVE GUIDANCE.

6. APPROVE    DISAPPROVE

7. FURTHERMORE, THAT YOU AUTHORIZE ME TO TELL THE BRITISH THAT WE WOULD PREFER A SHORTER COMMENT, BUT THAT WE HAVE NO MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS WITH THEIR  
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STATEMENT.

8. APPROVE    DISAPPROVE

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